

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I've already cut my phone service to the bone and use only prepaid long distance cards for the half dozen or so LD calls I might make in a year.

I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal being considered, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses making many calls. Low-volume, mostly residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as high-volume home or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. Residential rates keep climbing while long distance rates keep going lower and lower. The burden on residential, low volume customers is already disproportionate.

I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Sincerely,

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